Vermont Academy

October 8. 2002

Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 - 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Kef: CC Docket Nos. 96-35 and 97-21

Request for Waiver of Deadline

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this letter as a request for a waiver of the deadline for receipt of Form 486 for year 4, 2001 E-rate funding requests. This request is made by:

Vermont Academy

Billed Entity Number: 4685

Form 471 Application Number: 245518

SLD had granted Vermont Academy funding requests as follows:

FRN **593781**; FKN 593809; FKN **593830**; FRN 593867

In the funding commitment decision letter dated **July 23**. 2001, **we** were told that. "your Form **486** must be postmarked on or before October 28, 2001."

We appeal this action for two reasons:

- I. We have signed receipts for the mailing of Form 486 on December 12,2001. Unfortunately, the information contained on this form mixed data for two funding years: Year 3 and Year 4.
- 2. Subsequent to the filing. the contact person at this institution left this employ and follow-up mailings from SLD have gone unanswered until I became aware of the situation owing to the receipt of a cancellation notice for year 3 dated August 26, 2002.

Since uncovering the problem with the original Form **486** filing and our delinquency, and with significant assistance from SLD, I have managed to file the corrected Form **486s** with SLD for both year 3 and year 4. Even yesterday I spoke with another individual at SLD who had questions about our year 5 filing, and we are preparing to file Form **470** for year 6. In short, though it has taken us awhile to get back on track, I believe that all of our paperwork **is now** in order.

The funds represented by these four FRNs from year 4 are very important to our small school, and it is my sincere hope that the FCC will see fit to grant us a waiver of deadline. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

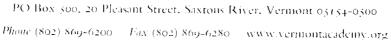
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